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1 — New Research Questions Forecasted Earthquake Slowdown, NPR StateImpact, 8/18/2017

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2017/08/18/new-research-questions-forecasted-earthquake-slowdown/>

A new research paper suggests Oklahoma's earthquake hazard might not taper off as quickly or as significantly as scientists previously predicted.

2 — Proposed earthquake monitoring investment part of 'unprecedented' experiment in Oklahoma, The Oklahoman, 8/18/2017

<http://newsok.com/proposed-earthquake-monitoring-investment-part-of-unprecedented-experiment-in-oklahoma/article/5560694>

In a remote field near Stroud is one of the Oklahoma Geological Survey's approximately 25 permanent seismometers planted three feet deep in dirt — sensitive enough to detect earthquakes around the globe.

3 — Agency weighs views on proposal to meet haze-reduction rule, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/21/2017

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2017/aug/21/agency-weighs-views-on-proposal-to-meet/?f=news-arkansas>

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality finished accepting comments last week on its proposed method of implementing a federal air rule that has been debated by environmental groups and utilities.

4 — Crumbling pipes, tainted water plague black communities, Center for Public Integrity, 8/18/2017

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2017/08/21/21114/crumbling-pipes-tainted-water-plague-black-communities>

Deep in the winding mass of crumbling back streets in Campti, La., Leroy Hayes sets a glass of water from his faucet in a patch of sunlight on the railing of his porch and watches specks of sediment float to the top.

5 — High Plains vineyard growers at odds with cotton farmers, Houston Chronicle, 8/20/2017

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/article/High-Plains-vineyard-growers-at-odds-with-cotton-11946084.php>

At Lost Draw Vineyards in the High Plains, chemical herbicide that drifted from a cotton field in July has left a patch of merlot grapes ailing, its leaves deformed and the fruit starting to shrivel.

6 — Farmers confused by Monsanto weedkiller's complex instructions, Reuters, 8/21/2017

http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/farmers-confused-by-monsanto-weedkiller-s-complex-instructions/article_8565e99d-c74e-5f8b-8f17-d7312c37329d.html

With Monsanto Co.'s latest flagship weedkiller, dicamba, banned in Arkansas and under review by U.S. regulators over concerns it can drift in the wind, farmers and weed scientists are also complaining that confusing directions on the label make the product hard to use safely.

7 — EDITORIAL: San Antonio staring at ozone violation, San Antonio Express-News, 8/18/17

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/editorials/article/San-Antonio-staring-at-ozone-violation-11943261.php>

San Antonio is the largest city in Texas, and one of the largest in the country, to meet federal ozone standards. But the dirty truth about air quality in San Antonio is that ozone levels, while trending down, have been above federal standards.

8 — Driller interest is tepid in Gulf-wide oil and gas lease sale, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/17/17

http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2017/08/driller_interest_is_tepid_in_f.html#incart_river_index

Oil and gas companies offered \$121.1 million in high bids on 90 Gulf of Mexico tracts at a federal lease sale. The sale on Wednesday (Aug. 17) was the first since 1983 to offer every available tract in the Gulf.

9 — Louisiana seeks to expand flood recovery programs for homeowners, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/18/17

http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/politics/article_6ccbb582-8431-11e7-9698-636e746ea0ab.html

As the state works to ramp up its flood recovery programs, some homeowners still seeking assistance a year after the historic floods told a panel tasked with overseeing efforts that they are growing frustrated with the process.

10 — What Happens to Solar Power in an Eclipse? We'll Find Out Monday, The New York Times, 8/17/17

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/18/climate/eclipse-to-test-solar-power-grid.html?mcubz=0>

Unlike most eclipse-watchers in the United States, Eric Schmitt wouldn't mind seeing a few clouds in the sky when the moon starts blotting out the sun on Monday.